

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About The City of Newton

1. What is the population of Newton?

According to U.S Census 2000, the population of Newton was 83,829 in 2000, up from 82,585 in 1990 and 83,622 in 1980.

2. How many households reside in Newton?

In 2000, the City of Newton had a total of 31,201 households, with 20,485 (65.7%) of them being family households.¹ By contrast, the 1990 census recorded 29,455 households, with 19,856 of them family households.

3. What is the average size of Newton households?

The average Newton household had 2.51 persons in 2000, down from 2.6 persons in 1990 and 2.7 persons in 1980.

4. How many Newton residents reside in group quarters?

Out of 83,829 Newton residents, 5,578 individuals (6%) reported living in group quarters in 2000. All persons who do not reside in group quarters reside in households. Group quarters include hospitals, dormitories, nursing homes, jails and group homes.

5. How densely populated is Newton?

In 2000, Newton had a population density of 4,643.6 persons per square mile area and 1,778.8 housing units per square mile area. By contrast, the State of Massachusetts had a density of 809.8 persons per square mile and 334.4 housing units per square mile.

6. How highly educated are Newton residents?

In 2000, 94.5% of Newton residents were high school graduates or higher, 29.1% had a bachelor's degree, and 38.9% had a graduate or professional degree.

7. How many Newton residents are current college or graduate students?

Currently, 9,367 Newton residents are college or graduate students. That constitutes 38% of Newton population "3 years old and over" who are enrolled in school. The total number of Newton residents enrolled in school is 24,634.

8. How many Newton residents were born in another country and speak a different language at home?

In 2000, 15,116 of Newton's residents, or 18% of the population, reported having been born outside the United States, and 16,766 residents, or 21.2%, reported speaking a language other than English at home.

¹ A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family in census tabulations. (*U.S Census Glossary*)

9. How racially diverse is Newton?

Eighty-eight percent of Newton residents were white in 2000, 2% percent were Black or African American, and one-tenth of 1% was American Indian or Alaskan Native. Further, 7.7% were of Asian origin, 0.7% were of some other race, and 1.5% reported to be of two or more races.

10. How ethnically diverse is Newton?

Major nationalities in Newton, according to the Census 2000, include Irish (16.7%), Italian (12.2%), Russian (9.6%), English (8.9%), German (7.5%), American (4.8%), Polish (4.6%), and other (27.2%).

11. What is the region of birth of Newton foreign-born residents, and how well do they speak English?

Forty-six percent of all foreign-born Newton residents were born in Europe, 34.8% in Asia, 3.2% in Africa, 10.4% in Latin America, and 4.9% in North America, according to Census 2000. Slightly more than 7% of Newton residents who reported speaking a language other than English at home said they spoke English less than “very well.”

12. What is the median income of Newton residents?

The median income for a Newton family in 1999 was **\$105,289**. The median household income was \$86,052, and the per capita income was \$45,708. Median earnings were \$65,565 for full-time, year-round male workers and \$46,885 for similar female workers.

Inflation-adjusted median family income for a Newton family was **\$94,308** in 1989 and **\$69,967** in 1979. This constitutes a growth rate in median family income of **11.64%** over the past ten years and **50.48%** between 1979 and 1999.²

13. What is the poverty rate in Newton?

In 2000, there were 546 families living below poverty level in Newton and 166 families with female householder and no husband present living below the poverty level. A total of 3,382 individuals or 4.3% of Newton population had incomes below the poverty line.

14. How many housing units are found in Newton?

In 2000, there were a total of 32,112 housing units in Newton, 97.1% of them occupied. In 1990, there were a total of 30,497 housing units, 96.6% of which were occupied. In 1980 there were a total of 29,130 housing units (including vacant seasonal and migratory units) in Newton, according to the 1980 Census.

15. How many Newton housing units are rented and how many are owner-occupied?

Out of 31,201 units that were occupied in 2000, 21,692 (69.5%) were owner-occupied, and 9,509 (30.5%) were renter-occupied. The average household size of owner-occupied units was 2.7, and the average household size of renter-occupied units was 2.08.

16. What is the mix of Newton residential building types?

In 2000, 17,888 (55.5%) of Newton residential buildings were one-unit (household) detached housing structures.³

² To adjust the 1979 and 1989 median family incomes to 1999 dollars I used the Consumer Price Index (CPI) conversion factors of 0.435 and 0.743 respectively.

³ Update to include a detailed breakdown of residential building types when SF3 data is released.

17. How much do houses in Newton cost?

The median value of an owner-occupied housing unit in Newton is \$438,400, according to the 2000 U.S Census. Approximately 67% of all owners have a mortgage. The median monthly mortgage cost is \$1,879. The median cost for non-mortgaged⁴ housing owners is \$577.

18. How much does it cost to rent an apartment in Newton?

The median monthly rent for renter-occupied units was \$1,083 in 2000 according to U.S Census. Gross rent as a percentage of household income was at least 35% and more for 2,406 (25.3%) of Newton renters in 1999.

19. How many people work in Newton?

According to the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training, total employment in Newton was 48,105 in 2000, up from 44,793 in 1990.⁵

20. What are the predominant industries in Newton?

The predominant industries in Newton in 2000 were educational, health and social services (32%), professional, scientific management, administrative, and waste management services (20%), finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing (9.9%), and retail trade (8.1%), according to Census 2000.

21. How many businesses are located in Newton?

There were 3,608 business establishments in Newton in 2000, according to the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (ES-202 Series). In 1990, there were 3,366 business establishments in Newton.

22. What is the average annual wage in Newton?

According to the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (ES-202 Series), the average annual wage in Newton was \$45,430 in 2000, up from \$28,012 in 1990. This is an increase of approximately 38% over the last decade.

23. What are the predominant occupations of Newton residents?

The predominant occupations of Newton residents in 2000 were management, professional and related occupations (65.3%), sales and office occupations (21%), and service occupations (7.8%), according to U.S Census.

24. What is the unemployment rate of Newton residents?

In 2000, according to the Division of Employment and Training (Local Area Unemp Statistics), the unemployment rate for Newton residents was 1.30%, down from 3.30% in 1990. In comparison, the statewide unemployment rate was 2.6% in 2000 and 6% in 1990.

⁴ "Mortgage" refers to all forms of debt where the property is pledged as security for repayment of the debt, including deeds of trust, trust deed, contracts to purchase, land contracts, junior mortgages, and home equity loans, according to the U.S Census Glossary

⁵ This data comes from the ES-202 Series statistics, by place of employment.